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**FEBRUARY 13, 2001 MOTION: DEVELOPMENT OF COLLABORATIVE PROJECT  
WITH DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES FOR RELATIVE  
CAREGIVERS**

This is in response to your Board's Motion of February 13, 2001 for the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Community and Senior Services to work together to develop a collaborative project serving relative caregivers through use of funds from the National Family Caregiver Support Program.

Community and Senior Services, through their new Area Agency on Aging Program, will be the identified administrator of the funds allocated for this program. Community and Senior Services has begun to meet with various Community Based Organizations who currently provide services to the kinship care population. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2001 and Children and Family Services will fully participate. The planned agenda will include review of project ideas from the community agencies as well as Children and Family Services. Relative caregivers of children supervised by Children and Family Services will be included to ensure that their interests are well represented.

Children and Family Services and Community and Senior Services met on February 28, 2001 to discuss plans for working together to develop a collaborative project serving relative caregivers. It was agreed that, as the lead agency, future monthly reports to your Board will be completed by Community and Senior Services with input from Children and Family Services. As Children and Family Services and Community and Senior Services currently have a partnership for training relative caregivers through Title V Training Program, the Departments agreed to consider expanding this program as well as explore new and innovative projects.

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Community and Senior Services is waiting for the California Department of Aging to provide guidelines and parameters for the National Family Caregiver Support Program. These guidelines and parameters are necessary to determine the amount of funding available as well as the types and numbers of programs that can be implemented.

Should you have any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact me at (213) 351-5600 or your staff may contact Michelle Saulters at (213) 351-5787.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel